So ſhort a Catechiſme,

that whoſoeuer cannot or will not learne, are not in any wiſe to be admitted to the Lords ſupper.

Queſtion.

Who made thee?

Anſwere.

a God.

Q. What is God?

A. He is b Almighty, the c maker and d gouernour of all things.

Q. Wherefore did he make thee?

A. To e ſerue him.

Q. How oughteſt thou to ſerue him?

A. f As he hath appointed in his lawes.

Q. Which be they?

A. g God ſpake all theſe wordes and ſayd, Thou ſhalt haue none other gods before me, &c.

Q. Canſt thou fulfill all theſe commandements without the breaking any one of them?

A. No, though I doe all that I can, yet I breake them euery day in h

a Iſa.44.2. pſal.139.13 14.15.
b Gen.17.1 iere.32.18. 19.
c Gen.2.4.5 iſa.44.24.
d Iere.10.23 prou.21.30. 31.
e Deut.10. 12. ioſhua 22.5.
f Deut.12. 32. pſal.119.4
g Exod.20. deut.5.6.7.

thought, word, and deede.

Q. What punishment is there appointed for the breach of theſe commaundements?

A. The curſe of God, which is eternal deſtruction both of body and ſoule.

Q. By what meanes then ſhalt thou eſcape this punishment?

A. Onely by Jeſus Chriſt.

Q. What is Jeſus Chriſt?

A. He is the eternall ſonne of God.

Q. What hath he done for thee?

A. Hee ſuffered the torments of death for me.

Q. Chriſt Jeſus was God, and howe then could he die?

A. Chriſt Jeſus was both God and man, and in that hee was God, hee could not die: but being man, he died for my ſinnes, and aroſe againe to make me righteous.

Q. Died he then for all men, or not?

A. No, he died for none, but for ſuch as lay holde on him by a liuely faith.

Q. What is a liuely faith?

A. A liuely faith is a full perſwaſion of my heart, grounded vpon the pro-

hMat.15.19 rom.7.18.19

iDeut.27. 26. mat.25 41.

kGal.3.13. col.2.14.15.

lMat.17.5. heb.1.2.3.

m Phil.2.8. heb.5.7.8.9.

n Iſa.9.6. rom.9.5. o 1.Tim.2.5. phil.2.6.7. p.Rom.4.25 1.Pet.2.24.

q.Ioh.3.18. 36.actes 13. 48.

r Ephe.3.12 col.2.5.7. ſ Ephe.3.17

promiſes of God: that whatſoeuer Chriſt hath done for the ſaluation of man, he hath done it as well for me as for any others. actes.15.9. t Rom.4.18. 21. hcb.11.11.

Q. How commeſt thou by this faith?

A. The holy Ghoſt doth worke it u inwardly in my heart, by the outward x preaching of his word. u Actes.16. 14. iohn 6.45. x Rom.10. 14.17.

Q. Howe is this faith increaſed and made ſtronger in vs? actes 21.14.

A. y By hearing the ſame worde preached, and vſing the Sacraments. y 2.Thes.2.3 prou.4.18.

Q. What be Sacraments?

A. Sacraments be outward z ſignes ordeined of God, and are left as a ſeales and pledges of thoſe benefites of our ſaluation which we receiue in Chriſt to ſtrengthen our faith. z Gen.17.11 exod.12.3.4 a Rom.4.11 1.Cor.10.16 17.

Q. How many Sacraments be there?

A. Two, b Baptiſme and the Lords ſupper. b 1.Cor.10. 1.2.3.4.

Q. What profite haſt thou by Baptiſme?

A. I beleeue that by Baptiſme my c ſinnes are forgiuen me: for as the water doth waſh the filth of the body: ſo I beleeue that the d blood of Chriſt being c Acts 22.16 and 2.38. d Ephe 1.7.

1.Pet.1.2. ſprinckled vpon my ſoule by the e hand
e Heb.10.22 of faith, doeth waſh me from all my
actes15.9. ſinnes.

Q. What profite haſt thou by the vſe of the Lords ſupper?

A. As I receiue the f bread and wine
f Mat.26. into my body to become wholy mine: ſo
26.27. I beleeue that my ſoule receiueth
1.Cor.11.23. withall Chriſt Jeſus with g his death
24.25. and righteouſneſſe to the h ſtaling vp
g 1.Cor.1.30 of my euerlaſting ſaluation.
2.cor.5.21.
h Rom.4.11. Q. Seeing that they which receiue
ephe.1.13. theſe myſteries vnworthily, eate and drinke their owne condemnation: how oughteſt thou to prepare thy ſelfe to the right receiuing of them?

11.Cor.11. A. Firſt I muſt i examine my ſelfe
28. whether I k ſtand ſtrongly in the true
2.cor.13.5 faith of Jeſus Chriſt or no.
k 1.Theſ.3.8
1.Cor.16. Secondly whether I finde my heart
13. l inwardly grieued for my ſinnes with
l Matth. 26. an m hatred and lothing of the ſame.
75.
2.Cor.9.10. Thirdly if any offence be betwixt
m Pſal.51.3 others and me, that I n reconcile my
rom.7.24. ſelfe vnto them, and o forgiue them e-
n.Math.5. uen as Chriſt hath forgiuen me.
24.
hebr.12.14. Q. Is not prayer a ſpeciall meanes to
o Matt.18. in-

increaſe our faith?

A. Yea, it is p a ſpeciall helpe.

Q. How oughteſt thou then to pray?

A. Onely to q God in the name of Jeſus Chriſt.

Q. What forme of prayer vſeſt thou moſt?

A. That which the r Lorde Jeſus ...t his Apoſtles.

...hich is that?

A. Our father which art in heauen, &c.

Q. Howe vnderſtandeſt thou this ...ayer?

A. This prayer conteyneth ſixe petitions: whereof the firſt three are appointed onely to Gods glorie: the other three belong vnto vs, wherein we aſke thinges neceſſary both for ſoule and bodie.

Finis.

22. coloſ.3.12. 13.

p Actes.4. 29.31. luke.17.5.

q Iohn 16.

r Mat.6.9. luke 11.2.

OPen our eyes (O Lord) that we may ſee the wonderous things of thy lawe: that by them as by a glaſſe we may ſee our own weakenes, and by our weakenes our wickedneſſe, & by them both, our accurſedneſſe: then

cauſe thy ſweete comfortes and conſolations conteined in the Goſpell, to ſhine into our ſoules, by a true and a liuely faith in Chriſt Ieſus: beſeeching thee that our drye and ſtonye hearts, may by the ſweete dewes and ſhowers of thy heauenly ſpirit be ſo moyſtened and ſoftened, that as good ground they may euer be yeelding forth good fruite to the glorifying of thy name, to the ſuppreſſing of ſinne, and increaſing of vertue, through Chriſt our Sauiour. Amen.